

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 18, with the following amended paragraph.

Fig. 2 shows the state when the printer unit 120 is open. As shown in Fig. 2, the upper outer cover 122 is provided with a platen roller holder 124 at an end 122a thereof. The platen roller holder 124 holds a platen roller ~~49~~ 125 such that the platen roller 49 can rotate freely. The platen roller holder 124 is detachably attached to the upper outer cover 122.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 11, with the following amended paragraph.

The construction of a connecting spring 133<sub>3</sub>b is similar to the connecting spring 133<sub>1</sub>b. The elastic connecting spring ~~133<sub>1</sub>b~~ 133<sub>3</sub>b has two connecting members 134<sub>3</sub>b and 135<sub>3</sub>b on either sides and the connection pin 132<sub>3</sub>a is fitted to the connecting spring 133<sub>3</sub>b.